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C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 2122

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, GW

SUBJECT: NEW INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATION FOR GDR AUTOS

REF: BERLIN 1871

1. REFTEL REPORTED OUR SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES REGISTER
DISCLAIMER WITH SOVIET EMBASSY WITH VIEW TO PRECLUDING
ANY FUTURE GDR ACTION TO RESTRICT WEST BERLIN VEHICLES
ON GROUNDS INTERNATIONAL DESIGNATOR WAS UNACCEPTABLE.
IN INTERIM, GDR REGULATION HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER IN EAST
BERLIN AS OF NOVEMBER 5 ACCORDING TO VERORDNUNGSBLATT
FUER GROSS-BERLIN OF NOVEMBER 20. WE HAVE OBTAINED
BRITISH AND FRENCH MISSION SUPPORT FOR DISCLAIMER AND AT FRENCH
REQUEST HAVE FLOATED LOCALLY DRAFT STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE ALLIED MISSIONS HAVE NOTED THAT THE
NATIONALITY DESIGNATIONS FOR AUTOMOBILES USED IN
INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC ARE TO BE CHANGED IN THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FROM THE PRESENT DESIGNATION OF
"D" TO "DDR" AND THAT AN ORDINANCE TO THIS EFFECT
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HAS ALSO BEEN RECENTLY TAKEN OVER BY THE AUTHORITIES

IN EAST BERLIN. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM YOU THAT
THE ALLIES CANNOT REGARD ANY CHANGE IN VEHICLE DESIGNATIONS
APPLIED TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN EAST BERLIN TO IMPLY
A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF BERLIN. END QUOTE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH EMBASSY AT LEAST HAS HAD ABOVE
TEXT FOR CONSIDERATION BUT FRENCH MISSION IS STILL
AWAITING WORD THAT IT IS ALL RIGHT TO GO AHEAD. BRITISH
IN TURN NOW INFORM US THAT MATTER HAS BEEN REFERRED TO
LONDON. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE DEMARCHE
MADE BEFORE ORDINANCE GOES INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, AND WOULD
APPRECIATE WHATEVER EMBASSY BONN CAN DO TO STIMULATE ALLIED
ACTION TOWARDS THIS END.KLEIN

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